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SUBJECT: JANUARY 1974 MEETING OF GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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1. GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN EARLY OR MID-JANUARY, ALTHOUGH DATE NOT SET. IN ADDITION TO CONSIDERING DRAFT LEASE ON GATT ACCOMMODATIONS (REFTEL (A)) AND TRAINING COURSE FOR LDC OFFICIALS (BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL), COMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP RECOMMENDATION BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT HE BE AUTHORIZED APPLY TO GATT PERSONNEL THE UN-WIDE CONSOLIDATION OF POST ADJUSTMENT STEPS INTO BASE SALARY SCALES.

2. PERTINENT GATT DOCUMENT IN L/3974, DECEMBER 14, 1973, COPY MAILED IO/D SMITH. UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOCUMENT A/C.5/1517, ADOPTED BY FIFTH COMMITTEE OF UNGA, CONSOLIDATES FIVE CLASSES OF POST ADJUSTMENT IN BASE SALARY SCALES IN THE PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY AND ABOVE, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY PLENARY SESSION OF UNGA. REF GATT DOCUMENT ASKS GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO APPLY SCALES RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 1974, ONCE FINAL CONFIRMATION OF UN PLENARY SESSION IS RECEIVED. THIS BEING FIRST SUBMITTED TO GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE PRIOR TO GATT COUNCIL AT LEAST PARTLY AS RESULT OF US REQUEST MADE IN REGULAR OCTOBER 15-19 MEETING OF GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE THAT ALL FINANCIAL MATTERS FIRST GO THROUGH THAT COMMITTEE. SEE PARA 10, REFTEL (B).

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3. REF GATT DOCUMENT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT NECESSARY

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE TO 1974 GATT BUDGET OF SWF 100,000 BE FINANCED FROM SAVINGS WITHIN BUDGET OR TRANSFERS FROM OTHER SECTIONS. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, DG REQUESTS AUTHORITY TRANSFER NECESSARY FUNDS FROM PART III OF BUDGET, UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURES, AND HAVE ACCESS TO WORKING CAPITAL FUND IF NECESSARY.

4. GATT SECRETARIAT (VON HOLZEN) REPORTS ADDED COSTS ARE DUE TO A WHOLE COMPLEXITY OF CIRCUMSTANCES, TWO OF WHICH PARAMOUNT. FIRST, SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOWANCES ARE TIED TO BASE SALARY RATES AND THUS ESCALATE PROPORTIONATELY. IN ATTEMPT CANCEL THIS EFFECT, THE NUMBER OF SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOWANCE STEPS AT GENEVA IS BEING REDUCED DISPROPORTIONATELY, I.E. BY MORE THAN FIVE STEPS: FROM 14 $\frac{3}{5}$ TO 8 INSTEAD OF TO 9 $\frac{3}{5}$. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE COMPLETE THIS ADJUSTMENT PERFECTLY SO THAT NOBODY SUFFERS A LOSS WHILE NOBODY GAINS IN REMUNERATION. IN ORDER FOLLOW THE UN PRECEPT THAT NOBODY SHOULD LOSE, REPORTS VAN HOLZEN SMALL GAINS MUST BE ALLOWED ACCRUE TO SOME. SECOND, THIS INCREASE IN PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION RESULTS IN INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT FUND. BASSIN

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